

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2010-275-C, 2008-135-C, and 1991-70-C - ORDER NO. 2010-684

OCTOBER 7, 2010

IN RE: Docket No. 2010-275-C - Joint Application)	ORDER APPROVING
of Public Communications Services,)	JOINT APPLICATION TO
Incorporated and Global Tel*Link)	TRANSFER ASSETS TO
Corporation to Transfer Assets of Public)	GLOBAL TEL*LINK
Communications Services, Incorporated to)	CORPORATION
Global Tel*Link Corporation)	
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And)	
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Docket No. 2008-135-C - Application of)	
Public Communications Services,)	
Incorporated for a Certificate of Public)	
Convenience and Necessity to Provide)	
Intrastate Telecommunications Services and)	
for Alternative Regulation within the State of)	
South Carolina)	
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And)	
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Docket No. 1991-70-C - Application of)	
Global Tel*Link Corporation (f/k/a Global)	
TelCoin, Incorporated) to Operate as a)	
Reseller of Interexchange)	
Telecommunications Services and Operator)	
Services within the State of South Carolina)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of Public Communications Services, Inc. (“PCS”) and Global Tel*Link Corporation (“GTL”) (collectively “Applicants”) to transfer the assets of PCS to GTL. The Applicants have entered into a stock purchase agreement (“Agreement”) where they have agreed that GTL will purchase all of the outstanding

shares of PCS's common stock, representing 100% of the equity interests in PCS. The expected closing date of the Agreement is October 31, 2010, which is subject to the companies obtaining all of the necessary state and federal approvals for the transaction.

Upon consummation of the proposed transaction, PCS will be a wholly owned subsidiary of GTL with all of its assets transferred to GTL. GTL plans to operate the companies separately for a period of time until they can integrate in a transparent manner with no negative impacts to end users. Additionally, the Applicants state that the proposed transaction will have no effect on GTL's current rates, terms, or conditions for the services it offers in South Carolina.

Description of Applicants:

PCS is a privately-held California corporation engaged in providing managed telecommunications services to inmates of state and county departments of corrections and in owning and operating prison payphones as well as public payphones. These services are provided throughout the United States. PCS was authorized to offer these services in South Carolina by Order No. 2008-480 (June 27, 2008) in Docket No. 2008-135-C.

GTL is a privately held Delaware Corporation also engaged in the business of providing managed inmate communications through payphones. Just as PCS, these services are provided throughout the United States. GTL was authorized to offer these services by Order No. 1992-299 (April 23, 1992) in Docket No. 91-070-C.

Benefits of the Agreement:

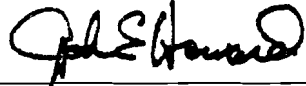
The Applicants state that the proposed transaction will provide PCS with greater operating flexibility, including expansion of its telecommunications infrastructure, improvement of customer service, billing, financial reporting, and other management information systems. The Applicants further state that services to PCS customers will continue pursuant to the terms and conditions of its tariff on file with the Commission. In addition, the Applicants provide that the transaction will allow GTL to expand its own business and achieve economies of scale, which is expected to broaden its customer base in the State. The Applicants emphasize that GTL will continue to provide high quality communications services to PCS customers without interruption and without immediate change to rates, terms, or conditions of those services. Lastly, the Applicants also emphasize that that the proposed transaction will be seamless and transparent to customers, and in no event will it result in the discontinuance, reduction, loss, or impairment of service.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Based on the above information, we find that the Application to transfer the assets of PCS to GTL is in the public interest and therefore approved. There will be no impact on PCS's customers, who will continue to receive services pursuant to the terms and conditions of PCS's tariff on file with the Commission.

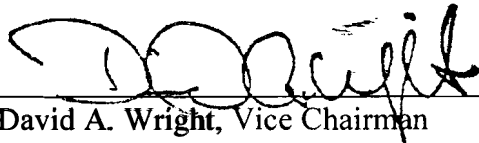
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



David A. Wright, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)